

Amusements.
HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE.
FIRST MATINEE OF THE PERFORMANCE
OF "THE FRENCHMAN".
WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON NEXT, JULY 26.
CHILDREN HALF PRICE TO ALL PARTS.
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EVERY EVENING WED. AFTERNOON
1900. ANNUAL OPERA SEASON. 1900.

THE WILLIAMSON OPERA COMPANY.
THIS THURSDAY, JULY 19,
TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, JULY 20,
LAST TWO NIGHTS.

LATE TWO NIGHTS
of the Brightest, Funniest, Merriest Comic Opera;
The OLD GUARD.

CHARLES KENNINGHAM, P. BATHURST
RICHARD WARD, F. ENGLAND
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The Famous FIN DE SIECLE Ballet,
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The POWERFUL ROMANTIC DRAMA,
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First produced at the Lyceum Theatre, London, where
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leading player is now being produced with extraordinary
success in the leading theatres throughout the
length and breadth of the Empire.

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NEXT LATTEREND, CORNER OF GEORGE AND MARKET STREETS, SYDNEY.

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THIS DAY, THURSDAY.

6 EVENTS.

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STAND AND PADDY-K - Grade, 2s; Ladies, 2s;
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First produced at the Savoy Theatre, November

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The "London Advertiser" says: "A great success has been won by means that are as legitimate as light comedy can possibly be. Comedy by farce, does not prevent the audience from laughing heartily, and every drowsy and any one drowsy with the Arthur Sullivan's music must have a soulful at all sense of beauty."

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LATE EDITION.
HERALD OFFICE, 6.30 a.m.

CHINA.
THE PEKING MASSACRES.
DENIED BY VICEROYS.
AMBASSADORS SAID TO BE SAFE
AND WELL.
NOT BELIEVED IN EUROPE.

LONDON, July 18.—A despatch dated July 16, signed by the Viceroy at Nanking and Wu-chang and by Sheng, the Director of Telegraphs, informs Europe that the Ambassadors at Peking were protected and were safe and well on July 9 by the Gregorian (English) reckoning, and that the Government was protecting the Europeans.

The Government was protecting the Europeans in the capital.

The despatch begs the Powers to spare Tientsin.

The Governor of Shantung has sent a similar report to the Powers, based on the narrative of a runner from Peking.

Europe is unmoved by the denial by the Viceroy of the massacres owing to the silence of the Ambassadors themselves.

CHINA DECLARER WAR AGAINST RUSSIA.

DISAVOWAL OF THE MINISTER AT ST. PETERSBURG.

RUSSIAN BOAT SEIZED.

MANCHURIAN FORT BOMBARDED.

LONDON, July 18.—General Tsuen at Haifai officially declared war against the Russians in Manchuria.

Great excitement prevails in Russia and in the Transbaikal region of Central Asia. The Chinese Minister at St. Petersburg declares that General Tsuen is contravening the policy of the Peking Government.

Chinese regulars and "Boxers" seized a Russian boat with munitions of war, near Aigun, on the Amur, in Manchuria, killing the majority of the escort.

Two thousand Chinese with eight guns last bombarded Blagoveshchensk, 20 miles north of Aigun. The Chinese overwhelmed the garrison with their fire.

General Grobowski, who commanded the Russians, attempted to reach Aigun, but the Chinese, with masked guns in a cutting, barred the way to him establishing connection with the Trans-Siberian railway.

THE FIGHT FOR TIENSIN.

STORMING OF THE NATIVE CITY.

CHINESE COMPLETELY ROUTED.

ALLIES TAKE THE TOWN.

HEAVY CASUALTIES.

LONDON, July 18.—Further particulars are to hand of the capture of the native city at Tientsin by the allies.

At dawn on Saturday last two columns, consisting of British, Japanese, American, German, and Russian troops, stormed the native city.

The allies carried the last fort and completely routed the enemy.

Admiral Alexieff, of the Russian Squadron, the senior commander present, reports that the Japanese entered and occupied the city, but that the Russians, Germans, and French were unable to enter it.

The casualties of the allies, Admiral Alexieff reports, for three days were 600. Other estimates make the casualties of the allies 800, whereof 200 were Americans, including 40 marines.

All the troops of the allies in Tientsin, except the defenders of the foreign settlements, began a general attack on the native city at Tientsin at daylight on Friday morning.

The heavy guns of the Chinese forces had previously annoyed the left flank of the Europeans.

Forty-two guns bombarded the native city and caused large fires. Immense damage was done.

The majority of the Chinese guns in the city were gradually silenced.

Fifteen hundred Russians and a smaller number in the French and German contingents assaulted the railway embankment on the east and captured eight guns, including five which were in the fort.

The French then destroyed the fort with explosives.

Meanwhile, the British, the American, the Japanese, and the Austrian troops, and the remainder of the French made a sortie from their positions, attacking the western arsenal.

After three hours' obstinate fighting they cleared and occupied the arsenal.

During the attack the Japanese, the British, and the French batteries of field artillery and the British machine guns poured a hot fire on the enemy, who retaliated with a deadly rifle fusillade.

There are indications that the enemy's supply of smokeless powder is exhausted.

After taking the arsenal, the Americans, the French, the Japanese, the Welsh Fusiliers, and a mountain battery of artillery advanced to the foot of the city walls and encamped there for the night.

The remainder of the British were held in reserve with a view to the final assault on Saturday.

LI HUNG CHANG.

ORGANISING THE BLACKFLAGS.

SETTING THE YANGTZE ABLAZE.

LONDON, July 18.—Li Hung Chang, the viceroy at Canton, on Monday asked the consuls in Europe to ensure him a safe conduct to Peking, the object he had in view being the saving of the legations.

He added that he had transmitted to the Empress Dowager the recent warnings of Lord Salisbury, the British Premier, and M. Delclos, the French Minister for Foreign Affairs, that the officials of

the Chinese Government would be held personally responsible for any injury to the legations or to any foreigners.

The "Times," in commenting on the invasion of Siberia by the Chinese, and on the alarming spread of the "Boxer" movement, declares that the object of Li Hung Chang's exile to Canton last year was in order that he might see to the organisation of the "Black Flags" (troops of his vice-royalty).

It is intended, the "Times" says, that the overland march of the 50,000 "Black Flags" from his provinces to Peking shall set the valley of the Transvaal ablaze.

THE ALLIES AT TIENSIN.

EIGHTY THOUSAND IN AUGUST.

LONDON, July 18.—The troops of the allies at Taku and Tientsin on the 11th instant numbered 380 vagrant foreigners at Pretoria on suspicion of their intending to raise a riot.

It is calculated that by the end of August the number will be 80,000.

ALLIES IMPREGNABLE AT TIENSIN.

LONDON, July 18.—By their successes over the Chinese on Friday and Saturday, the allies have now secured an impregnable base at Tientsin.

NEW VICEROY OF CHILI.

LI HUNG CHANG LEAVING CANTON.

HIS RESPONSIBILITY FOR DISTURBANCES.

MASSING OF CHINESE TROOPS.

LONDON, July 18.—Li Hung Chang has been appointed Viceroy of Chili, and has left Canton.

Li Hung Chang has declared himself responsible for any disturbances that may occur during his absence from Canton.

He carries away the vice-regal seal, last Tan Chung Lin, the acting viceroy, whom Liu Yen (the leader of the "Black Flags") intimidates, should issue proclamations.

Liu Yen has been sent with troops overland to Peking.

Li Hung Chang will interview the Governor of Hongkong to-day.

The Chinese are preparing to camp behind the Bogue Forts, at Canton.

There are 100,000 Chinese troops, armed with Mauser rifles and modern artillery, 30 miles from Shanghai, near the mouth of Yangtze-Kiang. They threaten to seize that town if Woosung, a little further north, is attacked.

The troops of the provinces of Chihli, Shantung, and Shansi are apparently massing to defend Peking.

The other members are Dr. W. S. Church, Dr. Daniel John Cunningham, and Lord Justice Romer.

FOREIGNERS AND NATIVE CHRISTIANS KILLED.

LONDON, July 18.—Forty foreigners and 100 native converts to Christianity have been killed at Tai-yen-fu, in the province of Shansi.

JAPANESE TROOPS.

LONDON, July 18.—The entire Japanese force which has now landed in China numbers 22,000.

GERMAN WARSHIP FOR THE YANGTZE VALLEY.

LONDON, July 18.—The Emperor William has promised to the Germans at Hankow, the Middle Kingdom, to send a German warship to protect the Yangtze Kiang Valley.

ADDITIONAL TROOPS FROM INDIA.

LONDON, July 18.—At the week's conference of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour in London there were 20,000 delegates present.

Among them were 5000 delegates from America, and the Australian delegates.

The Rev. C. M. Sheldon of America was also present.

The Bishop of London was among those who bade the delegates welcome.

WOOL SALES.

LONDON, July 18.—At the wool sales yesterday the following prices were realised for the undermentioned representative clips:—Annan-dale, 6d.; Lagmores, 6d.; Koosrie, 9d.; Dillatissan, Wallallow, 10d.; Condmore, 10d.; Bule, 10d.; Nouda, 15d.; Cowicow, 16d.

LONDON, July 17.—The "Times" has a highly laudatory biography of Dr. G. E. Morrison of Geelong, Victoria, one of the victims of the Peking massacre.

Dr. Morrison was the Peking correspondent for the "Times."

THE MANCHURIAN BORDERS.

PROTECTION OF THE YANGTZE VALLEY.

LONDON, July 18.—Russia is mobilising a quarter of a million troops for the borders of Manchuria.

The "Times" insists that the protection of the Yangtze Valley should be the first British interest.

THE BELLEVILLE BOILERS.

LONDON, July 18.—Mr. Goschen, First Lord of the Admiralty, has consented to the appointment of a committee of experts to inquire into the efficiency of the Belleville boilers in British warships.

By securing an impartial verdict, he hopes to allay the uneasiness which has been caused by alarmist reports concerning the boilers.

AUCKLAND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

LONDON, July 18.—The Congregational Committee has unanimously selected the Rev. John Wilkins, of the Old Kent-road Church, Marlborough, to succeed the Rev. Joseph Parker at Auckland.

The Rev. Joseph Wilkins will take month to consider the call. Probably he will accept it.

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THE TRANSVAAL WAR.

PRESIDENT KRUGER DISCOURAGED.

GENERAL BOTHA DISCONTENTED.

LONDON, July 18.—President Kruger has been greatly disengaged by the surrender of Rustenburg, in the Western Transvaal.

General Botha, the Boer Commander-in-Chief, is discontented because President Kruger is retaining the big guns at Machadodorp, which has been proclaimed the new capital of the Transvaal.

FOREIGNERS ARRESTED AT PRETORIA.

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